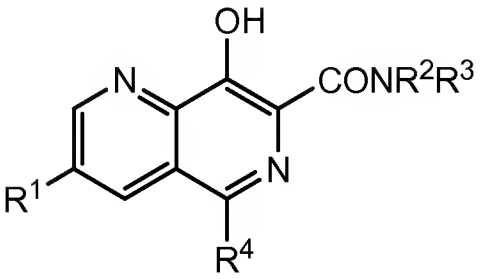
## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula:

[Formula 1]




( I )

(wherein:

$R^1$ is ~~optionally substituted~~ aralkyl substituted with halogen;

$R^2$ is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

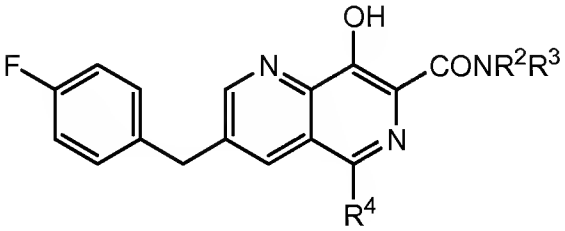
$R^3$ is optionally substituted alkyl (substituent: lower alkoxy, amino optionally substituted with lower alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, or lower alkoxycarbonyl) or optionally substituted amino ~~(provided that each substituent for "optionally substituted" is a noncyclic group)~~ (substituent: lower alkyl);

$R^4$ is ~~hydrogen,~~ optionally substituted carboxy (substituent: lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl, lower alkoxy lower alkyl, optionally substituted amino lower alkyl, or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group), optionally substituted formylamino (substituent: lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl, lower alkoxy lower alkyl, optionally substituted carbamoyl lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, optionally substituted amino, or optionally substituted carbamoyl), optionally substituted carbamoyl (substituent: lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkyl (substituent: hydroxy, lower alkoxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, carbamoyl), or optionally substituted heterocyclic group lower alkyl), ~~optionally substituted amino (provided that a substituent on amino in "optionally substituted formylamino", "optionally substituted carbamoyl" and "optionally substituted amino" may form an optionally substituted N-atom containing heterocyclic ring together with an adjacent N atom),~~ optionally substituted alkyl (substituent: hydroxy, halogen, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted carbamoyl, or optionally substituted carboxy), or optionally substituted alkenyl (substituent: hydroxy, halogen, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, optionally substituted lower

alkoxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted carbamoyl, or optionally substituted carboxy)), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof (except for Compound (I-A) shown in Table 1 below)

[Table 1]

[Formula I-A]




( I-A)

| Compound No. | $R^2$ | $R^3$ | $R^4$ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | H | CH2CH2OMe | H |
| 27 | H | Me | NHMs |
| 28 | H | CH2CH2OMe | NHMs |
| 29 | H | i-Pr | NHMs |
| 85 | Me | Me | H |
| 86 | H | NHMe | H |
| 87 | H | NMe2 | H |
| 88 | H | OMe | H |
| 89 | H | H | H |
| 90 | H | Me | H |
| 91 | H | Et | H |
| 92 | H | i-Pr | H |
| 126 | H | CH2CH2NMe2 | H |
| 160 | H | CH2CH2OMe | NHCOCH2OMe |
| 161 | H | CH2CH2OMe | NHCOCH2CH2CO2Et |
| 162 | H | CH2CH2OMe | NHCOCH2CO2Et |
| 163 | H | CH2CH2OMe | NHCOOEt |
| 164 | H | CH2CH2OMe | NHCOCH2CH2OMe |
| 165 | H | CH2CH2OMe | NHCO-thiophene |
| 180 | H | CH2CH2OMe | Ph-CH2OH |
| 181 | H | NMe2 | Ph-CH2OH |

(Me=methyl; i-Pr=isopropyl; Et=ethyl; Ms=methanesulfonyl; thiophene=thiophene; Ph=phenyl).

2. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^1$ is p-fluorobenzyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

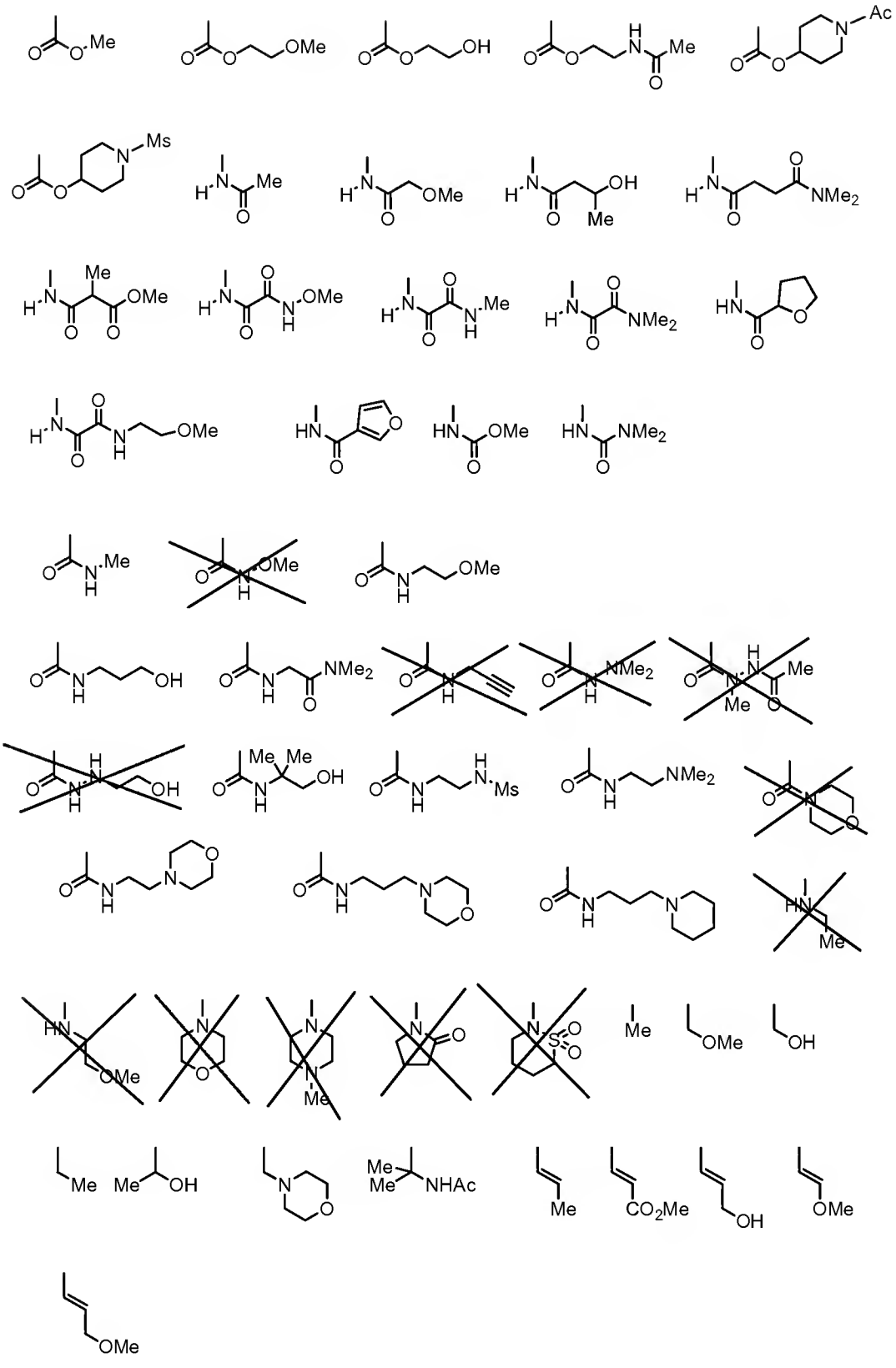
3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^2$ is hydrogen; $R^3$ is $CH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $CH_2CH_2OEt$, $CH_2CH_2COOCH_3$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2O(i\text{-}Pr)$, $N(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH_2CN$, $CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH_2N(i\text{-}Pr)_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2N(Et)_2$, $CH(CH_3)CH_2OH$, $CH(CH_3)COOCH_3$ or $CH_2CH(OH)CH_2CH_3$, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^4$ is a group shown below, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

[Formula 2]



(wherein, Me is methyl; Ac is acetyl; Ms is methanesulfonyl).

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 7, wherein $R^1$ is p-fluorobenzyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 7, wherein $R^1$ is p-fluorobenzyl; $R^2$ is hydrogen; $R^3$ is $CH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH_2CN$, $CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, or $CH_2CH(OH)CH_2CH_3$; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11-21. (Cancelled)